

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 492
ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2026**

IMPLEMENTATION OF BHARATNET IN ODISHA

492 DR. SANTRUPT MISRA:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Odisha and whether there is 100% coverage for all blocks and GPs and if not, the timeline for completion;
- (b) whether the village Padmanabhpur under the Gram Panchayat Machhakote, Ganjam has broadband connectivity; and
- (c) whether there have been complaints or representations received by BSNL General Manager Behrampur regarding non availability of broadband due to non availability of OFC route in the region?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. PEMMASANI CHANDRA SEKHAR)**

(a) to (c) Out of 6,798 Gram Panchayats (GPs) in Odisha, 6,785 GPs had been connected under the BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II. The Government has approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) under the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain (DBOM) model for connecting and upgrading the existing BharatNet Phase-I and Phase-II network, and providing broadband connectivity to non-GP villages, including Padmanabhpur village, in Machhakote Gram Panchayat, Ganjam, on demand basis.
